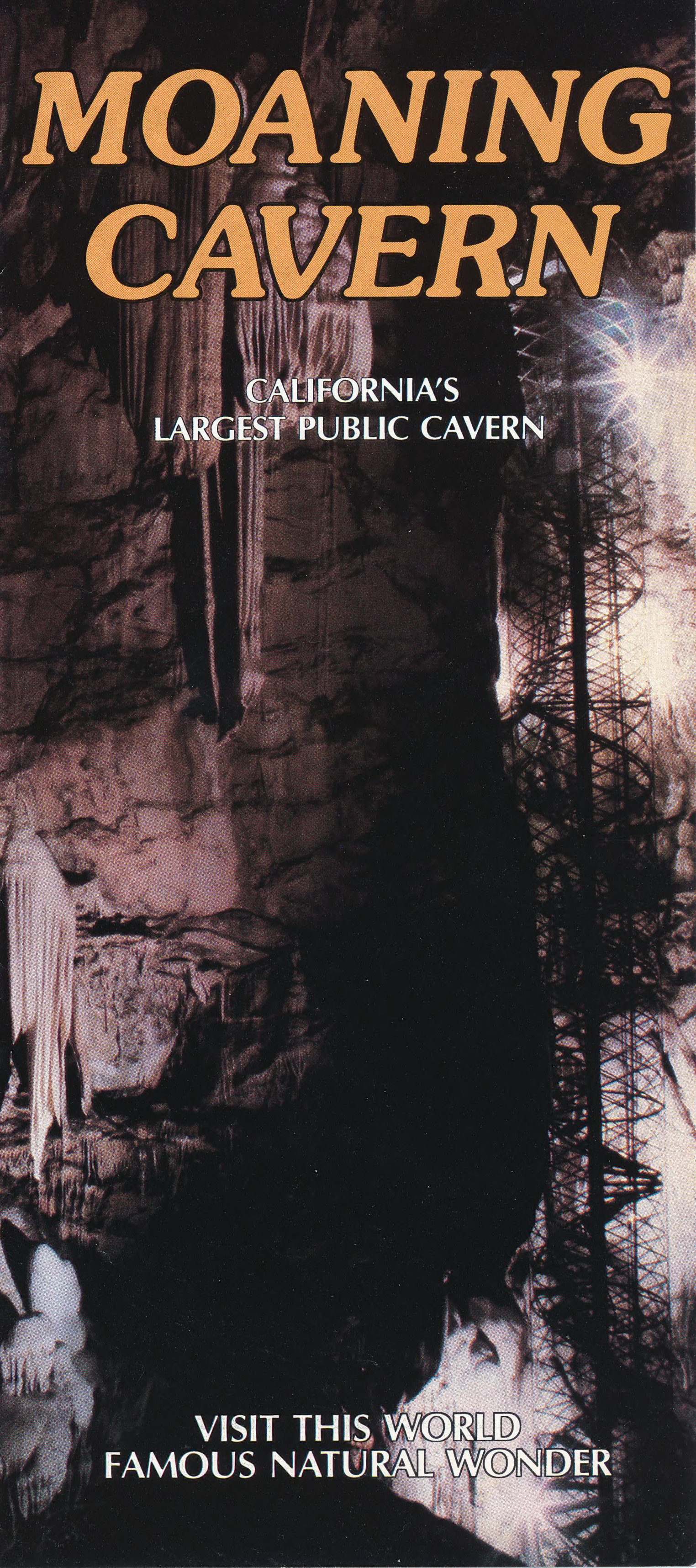




MOANING CAVERN

CALIFORNIA'S
LARGEST PUBLIC CAVERN

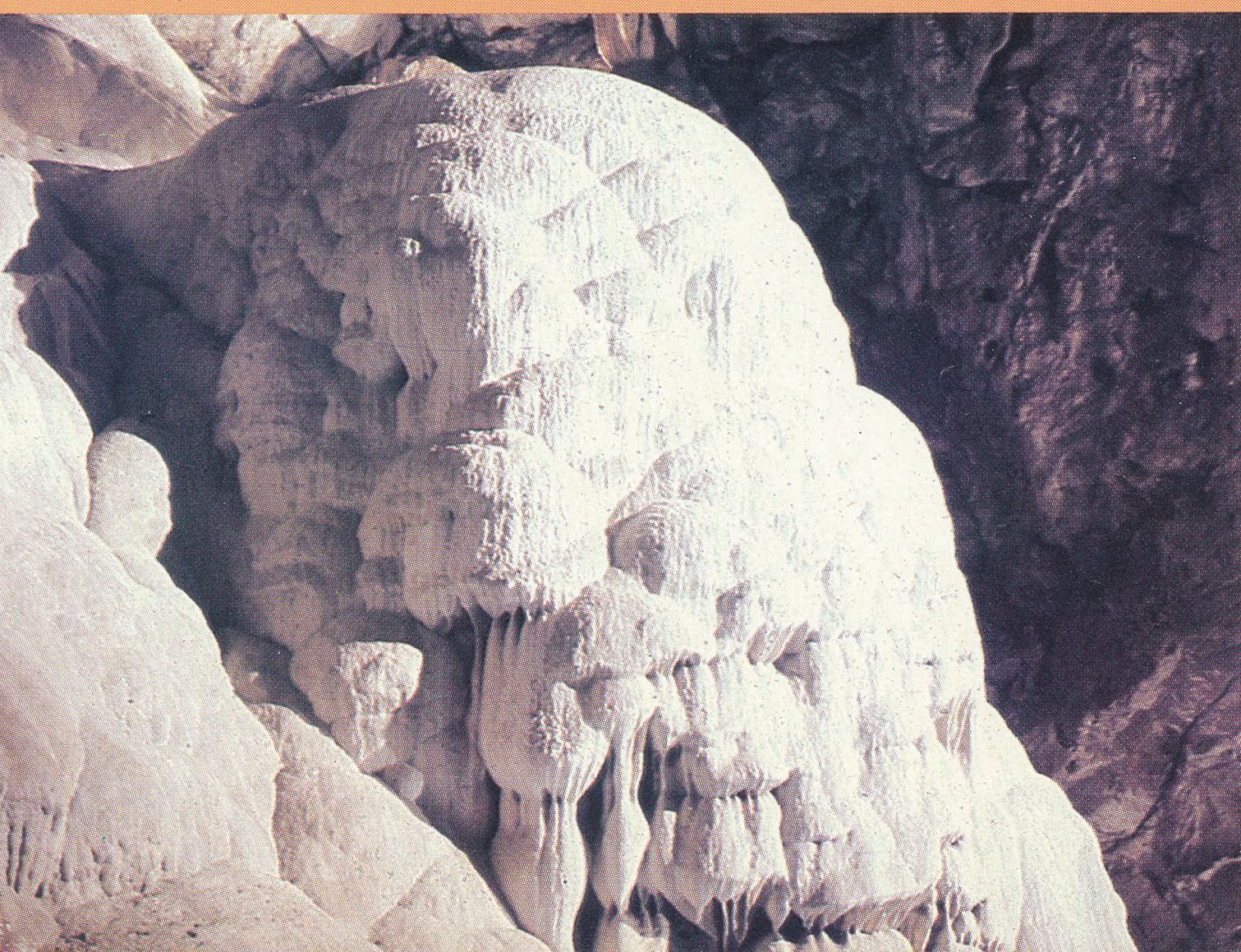
VISIT THIS WORLD
FAMOUS NATURAL WONDER



Located in the heart of California's historic Mother Lode, Moaning Cavern was first explored by gold miners in 1851. However, the cavern was long known to prehistoric people who held it in awe because of the moaning sound emanating from the entrance.

THERE ARE THREE EXCITING WAYS TO SEE MOANING CAVERN!

- ★ The Traditional Tour
- ★ The Adventure Tour
- ★ The Rappel



THE TRADITIONAL TOUR

This popular 45-minute long tour is suitable for the whole family, from kids to senior citizens.

On a professionally guided tour, you will descend through well-illuminated marble passages to the first level where the true magnificence of this gigantic natural wonder is first revealed. The main chamber, large enough to hold the entire Statue of Liberty and still have room to spare, will astound you! Strange shapes and figures adorn the ceiling and walls, making this a veritable treasure house of natural statuary. You will see the old entrance through which over 100 prehistoric people fell to their deaths. You see where early explorers, searching



for gold, daringly lowered themselves into the vast cavern by long ropes.

From the first level an all steel spiral staircase descends 100 feet to the floor of the main chamber. There you will stand on the spot where scientific excavations have revealed that more than 13,000 years ago, the bodies of prehistoric people fell or were thrown into the blackness of this huge cavern. The bones, preserved to present time by the deposits of mineral bearing waters, are thought to be the oldest human remains yet found in America.

As you travel through the cavern your guide will explain the 300 million years of geologic history and tell you of the explorations that have traced the cavern downward for 410 feet, and of the new explorations in progress. You will find Moaning Cavern awesome, fascinating, and very worthwhile.



MOANING CAVERN ADVENTURE TOUR!!!

NOW, in addition to the 45-minute Traditional Tour at Moaning Cavern, a new Adventure Tour is available for energetic cave explorers!

- ★ 180-foot rope descent (optional!)
- ★ 3 hours of exploration through deep chambers and passages
- ★ No experience necessary
- ★ Led by experienced, highly trained guides
- ★ Available year round by reservation
- ★ Recommended for ages 12 and up. Special trips for younger adventurers available by prior arrangement.
- ★ Hard hat with light and all exploration equipment provided. No special shoes required. Grubby clothes recommended.
- ★ Camping is permitted at the cavern.
- ★ Perfect for youth groups, hiking clubs, and other groups or individuals seeking an unusual outing.



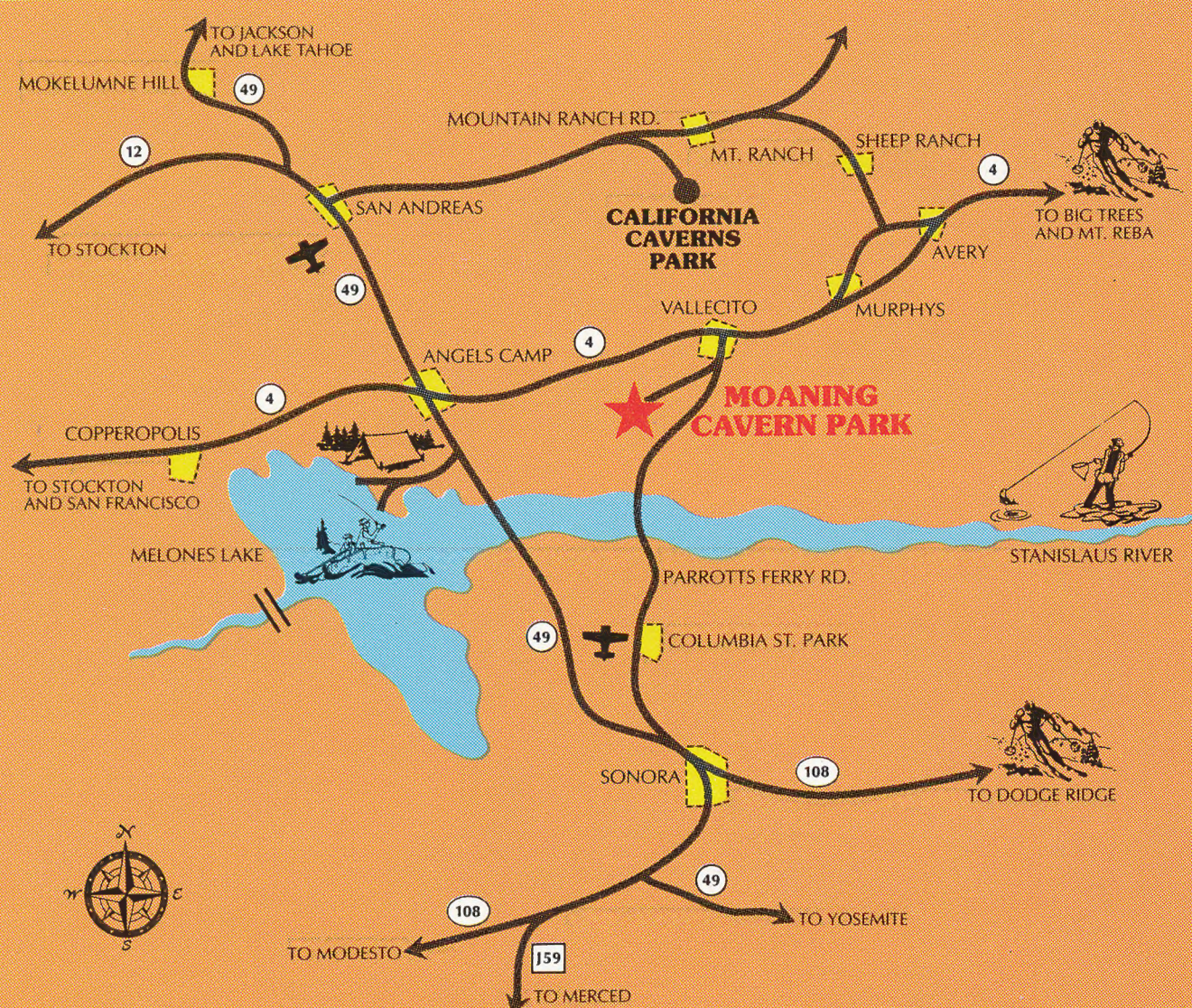
THE RAPPEL

- ★ Descend by rope 180 feet into the huge main chamber of Moaning Cavern.
- ★ Adventuresome people of all ages will thrill at this unusual and exciting opportunity to try something new.
- ★ No experience is necessary. We teach you how.
- ★ We supply coveralls, gloves, hardhat, and the highest quality rappelling equipment available. You supply the courage.

**For more information or to make reservations,
CALL Moaning Cavern at (209) 736-2708, or
Write to Moaning Cavern, P.O. Box 78,
Vallecito, CA 95251.**



MOANING CAVERN



Moaning Cavern is located in Calaveras County, 8 miles north of Columbia State Park on Parrotts Ferry Road, or take Hwy. 4 east from Angels Camp.

Nearby are the scenic historic communities of Jamestown, Sonora, Angels Camp and Murphys, all rich in California history. While in the area, don't fail to visit California Caverns at Cave City, another spectacular limestone cavern in the Mother Lode; Big Trees State Park; Bear Valley; Mercer Cavern and the Ebbetts Pass area.

Summer Hours	9:00 — 6:00
Winter Hours	10:00 — 5:00
Closed Christmas Day	

Discounts available for prearranged group tours. Specialized educational tours available on request.